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Applicant: Tracee E.J. Eidenschink Confirmation No.: 1707
Serial No.: 10/034,586 Examiner: V. Nguyen
Filing Date: December 27, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3731
Docket No.: 1001.1459101 Customer No.: 28075
For: CATHETER HAVING AN IMPROVED TORQUE TRANSMITTING SHAFT

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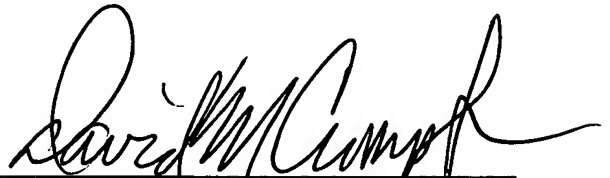
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on March 23, 2004. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.